

# Child Welfare CQI Access Review



## Screening Decisions

The screening decision is the formal decision to accept or not accept a report of alleged child maltreatment for further assessment.

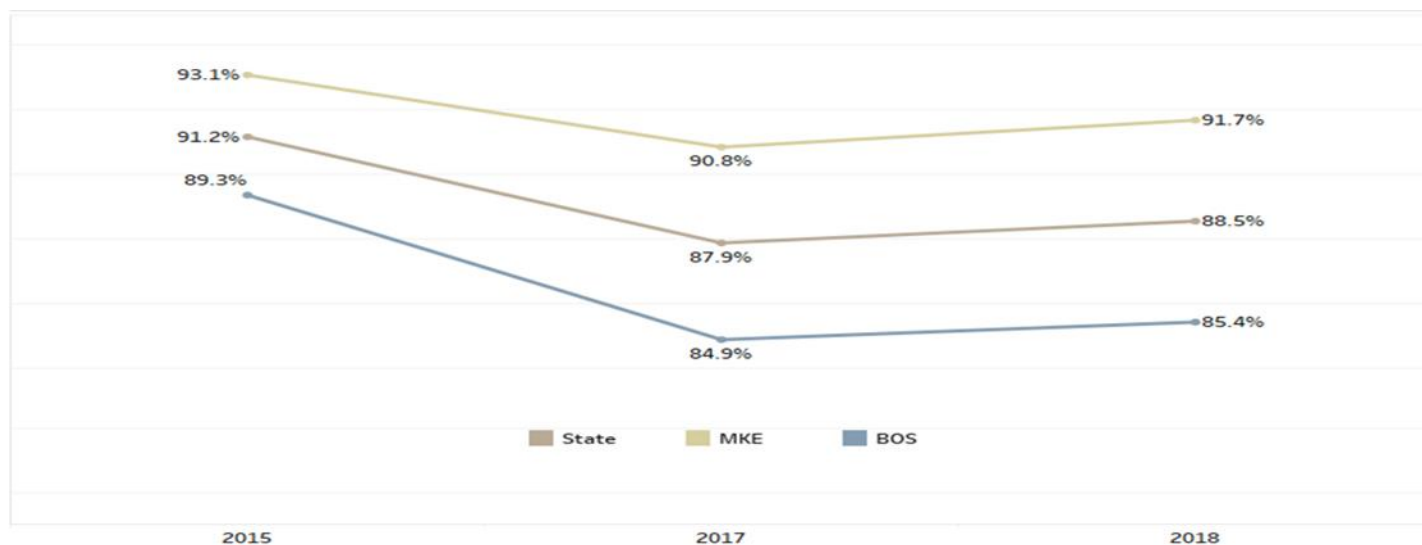
**Criteria for Screening In an Access Report:** One or more allegations of child maltreatment that describe conditions, behaviors, or actions that rise to the level of maltreatment or threat of maltreatment, as defined by Wisconsin Statutes and, therefore, must be assessed.

**Criteria for Screening Out an Access Report:** None of the allegations rise to the level of maltreatment or threat of maltreatment, as defined by Wisconsin statutes. No further assessment of the allegation(s) is required. The family may be referred to voluntary CPS services or other appropriate community services.

**Summary:** The review concluded that agencies' screening practices were highly consistent with Standards. Statewide, the three-year average for screening decisions consistent with Standards was 91.87% (Figure 1). The percentage point change between years within each region and the percentage point differences between MKE and Balance of State (BOS) for 2015, 2017, and 2018 are not statistically significant, which indicates performance has remained stable over this time period.

**What's next:** Does consistency in practice with our state Standards yield better results for kids and families? DSP and BPM will continue efforts to evaluate case review results in conjunction with outcomes to better understand the components of Standards and practice that drive desired results.

Figure 1 Percent of Screening Decisions consistent with Standards



**Methodology:** A 95% confidence level and 5% level of significance were used in the analysis. The total number of cases reviewed is 565 (2015), 239 (2017), and 244 (2018). For more information see the methodology page found in the CQI Quality dashboard.